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THE POSITIVE CHRISTIAN SINGLES NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1993 ACTIVITIES

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! **1** Remonda Stephens **6** Helen Drechsler **8** Bernice Marshall **10** Ginger Vaughan, Becky West **11** Ken Kirkpatrick **12** Patti Young, Barbara Bankston **14** Bill McCranie **22** Benny Mitcham, Lucille Timmerman **24** Eleanor Walker **25** Myrtle Adams **26** Lucy Robinson **27** James Smith **28** Cindy Rice **29** Beverly Blevins **30** Cynthia Noles. Note: If your January birthday has been omitted, call Idelle Dear by 1/5. We'll print a belated birthday list each month until we have everyone's birthday. **HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!** **12/20** Cliff Lovell **26** Dave Rafferty.

LEADERSHIP

PCS COORDINATOR.....Idelle Dear.....242-3797

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PERSONAL GROWTH SUPPORT GROUP..
SINGLES SUPPORT GROUP.....Bobbie Croft.....244-0903
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TREASURER.....

PCS is a network of over 1000 South Georgia and North Florida singles of all ages and ethnic backgrounds who attend one of many different churches or none at all. Our purpose is to provide singles the opportunity to make new friends and to participate in fun, fellowship, and personal growth by our sponsorship of the above activities. All singles--separated, divorced, widowed, or never married--are welcome to attend all activities; just come join us! Children are welcome at most activities. We're a nonprofit, self-supporting organization with no dues which relies on volunteers, contributions, fundraisers, and ads in our monthly newsletter. To get on our newsletter mailing list, call 912-242-3797 or write us.

"I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE AND ENJOY LIFE, AND HAVE IT IN ABUNDANCE-- TO THE FULL, TILL IT OVERFLOWS." (JOHN 10:10) from THE AMPLIFIED NEW TESTAMENT

Now that the holidays are over, everyone will have more time for recreation, and, as is typically true for the upcoming months, we can expect to see an abundance of singles we haven't seen lately and we'll meet more new singles! The best way to meet the most is by going to the **Dance** (last month there were 80 at it) and the best way to really get to know singles is by going to the **support groups, Rap Session, Bible Study,** and **Sunday Fellowship.**

January also features one of our most enjoyable special annual events--**Amateur Talent Night!** Here's where we get to find out and appreciate the many and varied talents of our singles and their children. In the past we've had dancers, skits, singers, comedians, musicians, imitators, joke tellers, a liars contest, poetry reading, and more! Gerry Connors, who's performed every year, will be this year's coordinator and emcee. Call her at 912-686-9085 if you'd like to be in it and, in any case, don't miss this wonderful event!

We've had **childcare possible** for Monday and Thursday night activities for 5 months and no one has used this service so we've discontinued it. Many thanks to Laurene Carter for providing it. Also thanks to Patricia Atkins for chairing **Sunday Lunch** until her job changed. Carolyn Beall has volunteered to take her place and to chair **Sunday Fellowship.**

If you've come to **Volleyball** lately, you'll know that we haven't been playing due to low attendance--especially on cold nights. We still haven't been able to find a place to play indoors during January and February. If you know of a place, please let us know. A bunch of us really enjoy playing and have been missing this fun activity.

1992 has been a wonderful year of strengthening friendships and continuing adaptive changes in PCS to meet the needs and desires of current participants. 1993 promises more of the same. What suggestions and ideas do you have? In what way would you like to take part? Let us know.

With love for you and the abundant life, Idelle

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTH AND SPECIAL THANKS TO:

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER Dottie Long, Glenn and Jessica Dugger, Guy Sims, Jimmy Jackson, Randy Holcomb, Ralph Murphine, Retha Perry, Benny Mitcham, James Morefield, Shanna Larson, Frank Brooks, and Pat Hesters for assembling; Shelba Harrington for calling to remind everyone.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS Laura Lee, Guy Sims, Linda Corbett, Dave Rafferty, Melba Weldon, Linda Alberson, Bill Merwin, Wanda Dixon, Lisa Rickard, Vince Woodward, Norm Davis (copies at Exotic Gardens), and to all who gave their change at the Dance. If not for these contributors, we wouldn't have this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS DANCE Big Party! The music couldn't be any better as the dance floor remained crowded all night! Thanks to Wendy Hart for DJing; Dottie Long for emceeing and working so hard on publicity for it; Brian Ferguson and Vince Woodward for getting the refreshments; Dottie Long, Brian Ferguson, and Vince Woodward for setting up and decorating; Dottie Long for all the mistletoe (which some used); and Amy Priest, Randy Holcomb, Dave Rafferty, Brian Ferguson, Vince Woodward, Paul Johnson, and Bill Brown for cleaning up. Be sure not to miss January's Dance!

50-PLUS SINGLES DANCE PARTY Attendance continues to be strong. In November there were 15 men and 21 women--great odds for this age group. BJ McCormick sang while Joe Scala played guitar for break entertainment. Dan Waldrip led the real Bunny Hop. Thanks Winnie George for providing the stereo and calling the square dancing; Minnie Padgett for cupcakes; and all who helped set up and clean up. December's party featured lots of delicious goodies (thanks to all who brought); Dan Waldrip led Christmas carol singing and the "reindeer" hop; James Gaskins called the square dancing; Audrey Moore, Ralph Murphine, Gerry Belky, and Arlene Dell helped set up; and Retha Perry, Dan Waldrip, Ralph Murphine, and Mae Pope helped clean up. Of course, the parties wouldn't be the same without Mae Pope's warm, enthusiastic leadership.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP Marilyn Kreisher for supplying grief recovery articals.

THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCH Merlyn Hammer for supplying money for turkey; Dottie Long for baking it & hosting an enjoyed day!

CHILI & SANDWICH SUPPER DANCE A terrific party was hosted by Benny Mitcham. Thanks to all who brought the abundance of food and Deb VanPetten for supplying the stereo and music. We'll have to do this again!

RAP SESSION Rabbi Steven Kaplan for leading a most interesting, question-packed session.

BIBLE STUDY Benny Mitcham for hosting and leading the study.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR Guy Sims and MaryBeth Crawford for driving. The decorated homes were the best in this area.

SINGLES SUPPORT GROUP Bobbie Croft, Pat Hesters, Benny Mitcham, Jack Rowe, Frank Brooks, and Cheryl Dubberly brought candy, cookies, Christmas paper, and ties and made gifts for children in the hospital which Benny Mitcham delivered.

OUTREACH & CALLING Retha Perry accomplished the huge project of putting PCS names and addresses on a computer. Lester Skaggs (from his nursing home bed) is adding birthdays, phone numbers, and mailing list anniversary months to the printed listing. When the project is completed, we will be able to call inactive local participants and get everyone's birthday that we don't now have. NOTE: As always, phone numbers and addresses will remain confidential; access to the calling lists will be very limited.

SCRAPBOOK Mae Pope for taking and providing our first pictures of the 50-Plus Singles Dance Party.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO: Paige Vickers and Ed Brown, PCS Couple #25, who met at Volleyball in August and were married November 16. Robyn Rice and Brian Keller, PCS Couple #26, who met at Volleyball in May and were married December 19. These two couples make the 4th and 5th couples to have met at Volleyball and the 6th will marry in April--Kimberly Rowe and Shane Dular. (One reason for our present low attendance--some of our players married each other, or other PCS!)

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SPEEDY RECOVERY TO: Lester Skaggs at Holly Hill Nursing Home who is recovering well from his auto accident; he'd love visitors. George Gillespie who is recovering from surgery for pancreatitis; please write him at 1800 S. Pasfield St., Springfield, IL 62704. Florence Hughes who has just been diagnosed with lung cancer; please write her at Rt 10 Box 661, Valdosta 31601. Bob Rogers who has been told his cancer is incurable but is hoping and praying otherwise; please write him at PO Box 734, San Mateo, FL 32187. Buford Robinson who is on an Atlanta hospital ventilator; please write c/o PCS.

OUR SYMPATHY TO: Sue Stokes whose mother died.

SEND SOME CHEER! If you know of anyone who has a special need or of an occasion where a personal touch would be appropriate, please contact the leader of the activity they frequent--until we get a new Care Chair.

IF YOU NEED:
PRAYER Call Jackie Harris at 912-242-9883 to start our very effective prayer chain going for you. Many answered prayers!
MENTAL HEALTH 24-HOUR CRISIS PHONES 912-244-4357 (Greenleaf Center) or 912-333-5175 (LODAC). Free services.
12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS Alcoholics, Narcotics, or Overeaters Anonymous; Al-Anon or Alateen (for families of chemical dependents); ACOA (for codependent people from dysfunctional families). All are free. Info: Sue Stokes 912-242-6194.
VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUPS For victims of sexual abuse, rape/date rape, and spousal abuse; for families of victims of sexual abuse, rape, or homicide. Free. Professional leaders. Free childcare. Info: Valorie Sherer 912-242-9991.
WIDOWED SUPPORT Call Virginia Hancock 912-242-1883; Joanne Tipps (young with young children) 912-455-2117; Mae Pope (Survivors' Support Group, 6PM, 3rd Tuesdays, informative speakers) 912-244-6925.

RIDES NEEDED TO ACTIVITIES: From Hwy 41S near Dasher and from Lake Park near Exit 2 and from Adel.

WE NEED: Publicity contacts for the Widowed Support Group and 50-Plus Singles Dance Party. Someone with a word processor or memory typewriter to **retype a guide** for our grief recovery videotapes and a bibliography. Someone with fancy or letter quality print to maintain and print a list of our **PCS couples** for our scrapbook. Someone to set up a scrapbook of **singles in the news**; we have a beginning collection. Leaders for **Singles Night Out, Parties & Outdoor Recreation, Care, Bible Study, Rap Session**, and **Widowed Support Group. Bible Study** teacher(s). Hosts for Friday night **Singles Night Out** activities.

MISSING NEWSLETTERS, ADDRESS CHANGES, AND MAILING LIST POLICIES: Newsletters are mailed free to areawide singles. Our cost is about $7 per year per newsletter. Call Idelle Dear if you don't receive yours. To help us minimize expenses, call ahead about an address change (saves 35¢-$1.01), if you're getting married, or if you don't wish or need to receive a newsletter anymore. If you move over 90 miles from Valdosta, you'll automatically be removed from the mailing list unless you ask to remain on it. **PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS:** If you live over 90 miles from Valdosta or have been a Positive Christian Couple for a year or moved over 90 miles away over a year ago (unless you're a companion organization or you have been in PCS leadership, an advertiser, or a financial contributor within the last year), to be on the mailing list costs $7 per year and entitles you to one free admission per year to our Dance or 50-Plus Singles Dance Party. Subscriptions can be renewed by sending a check to PCS by the 15th of the month following the expiration notice.

WELCOME NEW PARTICIPANTS! LAKELAND Mary Atkins and Iris Brogdon **LAKE PARK** Randy Cole **NASHVILLE** John Collett and Fred Kelley **PEARSON** Linda Corbitt **STATENVILLE** Charles Bass **TALLAHASSEE** Marsha Tatum **VALDOSTA** Ricky Browning, Jerry Emond, Martha Rineer Harrell, Thelma Hunter, Sarah Griffin, Glenn Smith, Mae Johnson, Kay Collins, Dorothy Hall, Vesta Fletcher, Casey Corbin, and Lynn Smithie.
POSITIVE CHRISTIAN COUPLES (PCC) (Those who wish to remain active after marriage.) Ed and Paige (Vickers) Brown.

COMMUNITY FOCUS: BLACKSHEAR Bobbie Tanner and Wanda Dixon **BRISTOL** Robert Harris **DUPONT** Kenneth Lee and James Register **HOMERVILLE** Kathy Poppell, Dennis Register, Kristie Dozier, and Jane Hill **NAYLOR** Richard Hughes, Margaret Moore, Lawana Thomas, Wayne Lasseter, and PCC Dot & John Nemeth **STOCKTON** Barry Joiner and James Bennett **WAYCROSS** Amy Stokes, Bill Reynolds, Dennis Israel, CP Lee, and Lucille Timmerman.

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION BY DR. BILL GOOCH: Christmas is a time of joyously beginning again the promise of new life in a babe born many years ago. This young infant was to change the face of the known world and its thinking. He would raise the act of loving to a new awareness. He would even die for it. He would become the chief symbol of what love could be. Some of us are struggling to try to be His followers in this time and, just like him, find the world unreceptive because the price is too high; but then the price of hate and distrust is also high for it leads to destruction. We must choose life and love or hate and destruction. It is our time and we can make a difference.

See you in the new year, Bill 912-242-7830

WHEN ARE CHILDREN WELCOME? If the time an activity begins is underlined, as for example "6PM", children are welcome either to participate with the adults or to play nearby. Which of these depends on the nature of the activity. If the time is not underlined, children's presence is not advisable due to the adult nature of the activity.

JANUARY WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUN **LUNCH** 12:30PM **1/3 & 1/10** The Backporch Restaurant, Comfort Inn, I-75 Exit 4. Brunch buffet $5.95 (under 12 $1.95). **1/17, 1/24, & 1/31** Shoney's, 1701 N. Ashley St., Valdosta. Breakfast bar $4.99 or menu. **Every Sunday** Join us for friendly, lively conversation. Ask cashier where our table is; get table for 8 if you're the first there.
FELLOWSHIP 7PM-9PM Western Sizzlin' Restaurant, 907 N. Ashley St., Valdosta. 25-50 enjoy dinner or just tea & talk! Note 1: It was democratically voted on to allow both smoking and nonsmoking at the longer table and only nonsmoking at the shorter table. Note 2: There are no hosts for January since we're no longer confident this is the solution

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to making newcomers feel welcome; one recent newcomer expressed that she felt ignored and is reluctant to return. Carolyn Beall would appreciate your suggestions on how to solve this problem.

TUE **TENNIS** 6PM McKey Park, Burton St. off Patterson St., south of Valdosta Jr. HS. Beginners, experts, all ages, all abilities--everyone is welcome! Find our court with the orange towel on the net pole.
VOLLEYBALL 7PM McKey Park (see Tennis). The "in" place for singles on Tuesday night--especially the younger crowd! Join us for fun, exercise, excitement, and friendly competition. Novices welcome--we train! Nonplayers socialize in the picnic shelter. Older kids may play; playground nearby for younger ones. Wonderful for single parents! After volleyball, some go eat or shoot pool at O'Ryley's. If it rains or is too cold, go directly to O'Ryley's. We're still trying to get an indoor court for winter; if we do, we'll post a sign at the picnic shelter. Volleyball is FUN, FUN, FUN! PS. If you're new, don't be discouraged by the low turnout now; it will increase substantially when warm weather returns.

WED **DAYTIME SINGLES: BOWLING** 2:15PM Valdosta Lanes, 1405 N. Lee St., Valdosta. Join seniors from Craig Center who bowl weekly. All ages and observers welcome. $2 for 3 games including shoes.

THU **DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP** 7:30PM Oak Terrace Apts. Clubhouse, 1639 E. Park Ave., Valdosta. PARK AWAY FROM APARTMENTS! If you're separated or divorced, our discussions can be helpful. Our overriding aim is healing and personal growth through mutual support and encouragement. A favorite feature: hugs! Monthly speaker meetings are described below.

JANUARY UNIQUE ACTIVITIES

MEMORY AID:(Usually) **MONDAYS** 1st--Rap Session; 2nd--Bible Study; 3rd--Singles Support Group; 4th--Widowed Support Group **WEDNESDAYS** 1st & 3rd--Daytime Singles Lunch **FRIDAYS** 4th--50-Plus Singles Dance Party **SATURDAYS** 1st--Multi-Ethnic Singles; 2nd--Dance; 3rd--Trip; 4th--Parties & Outdoor Recreation; 5th--Longer Trip. Note: January Saturdays are not in order.

JAN 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY OPEN HOUSE** 12PM Benny Mitcham's home, W. Park Ave. between Patterson and Oak Sts., Valdosta. Park across street in Park Cranford Center parking lot (the dentists' offices); walk west toward Oak St. 2 houses to 2-story on right. Mega football extravaganza! Bring dish to share if you'd like to enjoy lunch together at 1PM. In any case, bring TV snacks/drinks to share during an afternoon spent watching the games. Yes, both sexes welcome!

SAT 2 **MULTI-ETHNIC SINGLES: DINING OUT** 7PM Quincy's Family Steakhouse, St. Augustine Rd., I-75 Exit 5. Ask cashier for our table. Come for dinner or just tea & talk! Multi-ethnic means Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, Orientals, etc.--all are encouraged to come! Bring your suggestions for 1993 activities.

SUN 3 **TRIP PLANNING MEETING** 2:30PM Library, 300 Woodrow Wilson Dr., Valdosta. Conference Room. Would you like to have the trips of your choice on the calendar? Then come to the meeting or call Carolyn Beall beforehand with your requests.
PARTY QUARTERLY PLANNING MEETING 8PM Western Sizzlin' Rest., Valdosta. Come for Sunday Fellowship and then help plan. Fourth weekend parties and outdoor recreation plans for February and March will be decided at this meeting.

MON 4 **SPIRITUAL ISSUES RAP SESSION** 7:30PM Oak Terrace Apts. Clubhouse, 1639 E. Park Ave., Valdosta. PARK AWAY FROM APARTMENTS! PCS Shelba Harrington will lead discussion on an as yet unspecified topic. It's bound to be a highly stimulating session based on our past experience of her talents. Shelba is a retired school teacher who generously volunteers her time in the community and enjoys attending religion and mental health seminars. She's an excellent and thought provoking speaker. Come enjoy! We usually have many denominations and religious viewpoints represented.

TUE 5 **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER INPUT DEADLINE** Please submit items by today to enable timely mailing.

WED 6 **DAYTIME SINGLES: LUNCH** 12:15PM Wooden Nickel Pub, 5 Points Shopping Center, Valdosta. Sandwiches, pizza, & salads. Ask for our table. Join us for your lunch hour or a leisurely lunch with friends.

SAT 9 **TAILGATE DANCE** 8PM American Legion Pool Clubhouse, Valdosta. From Hwy 41N, take Inner Perimeter Road east 1 block; turn left onto Country Club Rd.; go 100 yards to barber shop; turn right. Clubhouse phone: 912-245-8536. A dance for January football fans! Dress casually as a player, referee, or spectator. Enjoy dancing to your favorite country, 50's-60's, and modern hits played by our unbeatable DJ, Wendy Hart, starring in his Cool Breeze Travlin' Music Show. Learn popular line dances. Have fun with our football dance mixers. Remonda Stephens will lead us in celebrating January birthdays. Our biggest monthly social! Hence, best choice activity for distant out of town singles to drive here for. Eight marriages have resulted from singles meeting at our monthly dances. $5.50 admission includes refreshments. FREE CHILDCARE: Trinity Presbyterian Church, corner of Bemiss Rd. & N. Oak St. Extension. **5PM** Come help hang decorations and set up tables, chairs, etc.

MON 11 **BIBLE STUDY** 7:30PM Benny Mitcham's office, 1101 Williams St., Valdosta. 912-245-1312. Rev. Robert Morgan, Associate Pastor, First Christian Church, Valdosta, will be our guest teacher on a topic he'll pick. A dynamic speaker, he's also 25 and single!

FRI 15 **SINGLES NIGHT OUT: EAT OR MEET** 7:30PM Mr. J's Family Steak House, St. Augustine Rd., I-75 Exit 5. Frank Brooks will host. Eat and/or meet other singles to go somewhere together. Ask cashier for our table. **DANCING** 10PM The New Knights, 4008 Bemiss Rd., Valdosta. Terrific Top 40 bands. Popular with 20's-30's crowd. Find our table near dance floor or ask doorkeeper where it is. $3 cover. See ad page 3.

SAT 16 **GATLINBURG TRIP: SNOW SKIING** 8AM Advance reservations required; call Carolyn Beall (mornings only) by January 7. Carpool from K-Mart parking lot across from NationsBank. Arrive Saturday evening. On Sunday and Monday, enjoy skiing, ski school, ice skating, bob sledding, scenic Smokey Mountain chairlift rides, and/or sightseeing. Return home by Tuesday night. Estimated cost: $100-$150 based on $40/day skiing (including ski rental and lift tickets; ski clothes can be rented for small extra fee); $10/night motel (3 nights); gas share; and food. Or, just go see lots of snow and sightsee!

MON 18 **SINGLES SUPPORT GROUP: THE SERIOUS ART OF CHOOSING A MATE** 7:30PM Spring Chase Apts. Clubhouse, Norman Dr., ¼ mile south of Red Lobster, I-75 Exit 5. PARK AWAY FROM APARTMENTS! PCS Frank Brooks will teach us from "How to Get Married; A Proven Plan for Finding the Right Mate" by Dr. Herman Weiss and Julie Davis. Topics will include: are you ready?, are you marriage material?, breaking the big mistake patterns, how to be realistic about your requirements for a mate, how to evaluate new love interests subjectively and objectively, chemistry, and when do you know you're in love? Frank is a former Navy man who is now in the residential building, remodeling, and repair business. He enjoys singing and playing Southern gospel on guitar, drums, and bass; library research and writing; Bible study; raising his 8 and 12 year old sons who he has custody of; being with his 2 year old daughter; fishing-especially deep sea; and he would like to travel. You can gain confidence and much wisdom in your decision-making by attending this session.

WED 20 **DAYTIME SINGLES: LUNCH** 12:15PM El Potro Mexican Restaurant, N. Ashley St. just south of 5 Points Shopping Center, Valdosta. Come check out the newest restaurant in town with us! Ask cashier for our table.

THU 21 **DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP: FORMING NEW GOALS** 7:30PM Oak Terrace Apts. Clubhouse, 1639 E. Park Ave., Valdosta. PARK AWAY FROM APARTMENTS! 8th of 9 monthly Divorce Recovery Workshop sessions. This session's purpose is to help us discover we have an opportunity for growth and change; to help us understand that we are responsible for our lives; to help us discover our unique talents, abilities, and dreams; to help us become familiar with a process of goal setting; and to have each of us develop at least one personal, short-term, reachable goal. This workshop has been used by singles groups nationwide to help separated and divorced men and women understand and deal with their feelings, learn to forgive, reestablish their self-image, and consider what to do about new goals & relationships. It involves lecture, individual reflection, and group interaction. (Earlier sessions are not required to understand this one.)

FRI 22 **50-PLUS SINGLES DANCE PARTY** 8PM Craig Center, 1104 W. Gordon St., Valdosta. From N. Patterson St., go west on Gordon about 1.2 miles; Craig Center is on right just before reaching Melody Lane. Enjoy dancing to country, ballroom, big band, 50's-60's, & modern dance favorites. Nondancers can socialize or learn to dance--we teach! Dressy casual. $2 admission includes drinks. Optional: Bring your most bragged about homemade snacks (we have discovered we have some excellent bakers) and your favorite tapes or albums (especially if there has not been enough of the kind of music you enjoy dancing to). Bring all your friends (especially male so we can keep the odds pretty good!) Make new friends; enjoy warm fellowship, fun, and HUGS! Join those who enjoy coming monthly! **7PM** Please come help us set up tables, refreshments, etc.

SAT 23 **NASHVILLE TRIP: DINNER** 6:30PM Old Mill Restaurant, Nashville. Carpool from K-Mart parking lot across from NationsBank or meet us there at 7PM. Take Bemiss Rd. to Nashville to Hwy 76E; go 4 miles to 9 mile marker; go left; road dead ends into restaurant. This is PCS Gail Milligan's new meat and seafood restaurant which overlooks a pond. Moderately priced ($5-$10 for complete dinner). Phone: 912-686-7049. Ask for our table. We've been told the food is delicious. **DANCING** 9PM VFW, Nashville. Enjoy country & western band, hourly square dancing, and the largest dance floor in South Georgia! Popular place; lots of fun! Find our long table by the dance floor. Beer & soda served; BYOB. $4 cover. Take Hwy 129 north; turn left at first light past Nashville courthouse; turn right at firehouse; turn left at next stop sign; go ¼ mile; VFW is on right.

SUN 24 **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY** 2:30PM Library, 300 Woodrow Wilson Dr., Valdosta. Meeting Room. Help the Divorce Support Group volunteers put together your newsletter while you enjoy getting to know other singles! Refreshments.

MON 25 **WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP** 7:30PM Western Sizzlin' Restaurant, 907 N. Ashley St., Valdosta. Make new friends who will understand your loss and help your transition to single life. Resources to help your grief recovery. Ask cashier for our table.

SAT 30 **4TH ANNUAL AMATEUR TALENT NIGHT** 7PM Craig Center, 1104 W. Gordon St., Valdosta. From N. Patterson St., go west on Gordon about 1.2 miles; Craig Center is on right just before reaching Melody Lane. Gerry Connors will be this year's coordinator and will also emcee an unforgettable night of fun and entertainment pleasure. Do you like to sing, dance, act in skits, play an instrument, tell jokes, make people laugh, impersonate, do magic tricks, do acrobatics, do martial arts, write poetry, tell tall tales, etc.? This is your chance to show off your talents and shine! If you would like to be in the show, call Gerry Connors at 912-686-9085 (after 3PM) to sign up, get time limits, describe your program and a little about yourself so she can introduce you, and get any additional questions answered. All ages are welcome to participate; we usually have a bunch of kids perform; they love to be in it and to watch. Creative costuming is encouraged. There is a small stage, microphone, and piano. **6PM** We need volunteers to come help set up chairs. **6:30PM** Performers arrive and meet with Gerry Connors. **7PM** Whether or not you're in the show, come watch a fun-filled evening of amateur talent. Free admission and beverages. Optional: Please bring homemade or bought goodies. Craig Center seniors have also been invited to perform and attend so this may be our greatest show and crowd yet! They have lots of talent. Amateur Talent Night is one of the highlights of our year! Don't miss it. You'll love it! PS. This is for amateurs so we don't expect professional performances so don't be shy to be in it! See you on the 30th!

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

1	Rap Session: Ethics
6	Multi-Ethnic Singles Party
13	Valentine's Dance
?	Olustee Battlefield Historic Site
26	50-Plus Singles Dance Party
27	Party and/or Outdoor Recreation

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

1	Rap Session
6	Multi-Ethnic Singles Party
13	50's-60's Dance
20	Maclay State Gardens, Tallahassee
26	50-Plus Singles Dance Party
27	Party and/or Outdoor Recreation

OTHER SINGLES ACTIVITIES: Pinochle Every Sunday afternoon at Maureen Sitzman's home. 912-244-2191. **Fresh Start Divorce Recovery Seminar** Friday & Saturday, February 19-20, at Sherwood Baptist Church, 2201 Whispering Pines Rd., Albany, GA 31707. $50. Contact Rob Davis at 912-883-1910 to register and for further info. Session topics: The Stages of Divorce and Recovery; Beginning Again: Biblical Insights for the Divorced; Working Through Bitterness--Learning to Forgive. Electives: Single Sexuality, Kids in the Middle, etc. National program. Leaders all committed Christians; most are divorced.

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SINGLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND/OR FELLOWSHIP: ALBANY: First United Methodist Young Singles & Mid-Life Singles Classes. Rev. Cindy Autry 912-432-7407. **Porterfield United Methodist** Singles Class. Ann Reece 912-435-6472. **GAINESVILLE: Trinity United Methodist** Trinity Singles Class. Sonja Pealer 904-375-4975. Young Single Adults Class. Rick Swygart 904-376-6615. **MACON: Forest Hills United Methodist** Marshall Singles Class. Shelly Shuman 912-994-6757. **NASHVILLE: First Baptist** Singles Class. 912-686-2048. **TALLAHASSEE: Killearn United Methodist** Singles Class. Jim Crosby 904-385-1425. **St. Paul's United Methodist** Singles Worship Service, 9:45AM, 100+ attend. Carol Graham-Peavy 904-385-5146. **TIFTON: First Baptist** Singles Class. Rosemary Barfield 912-438-8333. **OTHERS?** Call Idelle Dear if there are any others that you would like to have listed here.

OTHER SINGLES GROUPS: ALBANY: 25 Upward Singles Club Dances every other Friday night. Lottie Cantwell 912-435-4097. **COLUMBUS: Friends Unlimited** Parties, trips, going out together. Etta Dudley 706-291-0290. **VALDOSTA: Valdosta Areawide Christian Singles** Sponsored by Valdosta Baptist Association. Monthly covered dish parties. 912-242-7402.

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